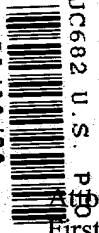


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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
(For new Non-provisional applications under 37 CFR1.53(b))

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a new utility patent application of inventor(s): **Fermin Ruiz, Fernando Espinosa, Sergio Diaz De Leon, and Nick Carter** and entitled: **Controlled Ripening Protective Cover For Agricultural Products**. For purposes of publication, this patent application is assigned to: **Polymer Group, Inc.**

**Application Elements:**

1. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status (See 37 CFR 1.27.)
2. ☒ Specification containing nineteen (19) pages.
3. ☒ Drawings: five (5) Sheets of ☐ formal drawings ☒ informal drawings
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
  - a. ☐ An executed declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney;
  - b. ☒ An unexecuted declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney;
  - c. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d), for continuation/divisional with No. 17 completed.
    - i. ☐ Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☒ Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76.)
6. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix).
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary).
  - ☐ Computer Readable Form (CFR)
  - ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ Paper
  - ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies.

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet, document(s) and requisite fee).

9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (where there is an assignee)  
☐ Power of Attorney
10. ☐ English Translation document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), including PTO-1449  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Postcard for PTO Mail Room Date Stamp (should be specifically itemized).
14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed).
15. ☐ Request and Certification For Nonpublication Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
16. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
17. ☐ **If Continuing Application**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:  
☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Prior application information: Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_ Group/Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

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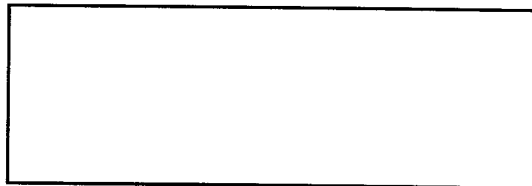
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For	No. Filed	No. Allowed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee					\$370.00		\$740.00
Total Claims	26	- 20 =	6	x \$9.00	\$	x \$18.00	\$108.00
Indep. Claims	7	- 3 =	4	x \$42.00	\$	x \$84.00	\$336.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Present				+ \$140.00	\$	+ \$280.00	\$
				TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$1,184.00

18. ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,184.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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